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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

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## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE CITY OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial. The original inhabitants of our now City of Oakland are the Ohlone people. The City of Oakland recognizes that Ohlone people are present today in our communities. They walk our streets, go to our schools, and contribute to the vibrancy of our city every day; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the mass genocide of Native Americans in this country and how systematic racism continues to erase them from our history; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland has a rich Native American history. In the 1950s, as part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Relocation Program many Native people moved to Oakland, making it known as the largest urban reservation in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Intertribal Friendship House (IFH) located in Oakland, CA was established in 1955 as one of the first urban American Indian community centers in the nation. Created out of a need for Indigenous People coming to Oakland during the Relocation Act policy of the US, multiple centers came together and was finally founded by the American Friends Service Committee to serve the needs of American Indian people relocated from reservations to the San Francisco Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, California cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles have established Indigenous People's Day to honor the contributions and rich history of Native American people; and

**WHEREAS**, we can truly celebrate the Bay Area American Indian Community by recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Oakland by not only establishing this day, but by taking this as an opportunity to learn and educate our communities about the great contributions of Native Americans to our city and our country; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the second Monday in October of each year shall be known as Indigenous People's Day in the city of Oakland. All official City communications, notices, calendars, and other publications, whether electronic or paper, shall refer to that day as Indigenous People's Day.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN,  
KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California

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